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Air Force Reserve's first Associate KC-135 Unit

Imminent recall may alter 931st deployments

By Staff Sgt. Barbara Davis
931st Public Affairs

An imminent activation could alter scheduled May deployments for the 931st Air Refueling Group to France and Alaska.

May was scheduled to be a busy month for some members of the 931st ARG with the scheduled 30-day rotation to Istres, France and the Civil Engineer Squadron annual tour to Elmendorf, Alaska.

However, an anticipated Presidential Selected Reserve Call-up of part of the unit could alter those deployments and possibly send members to other undetermined locations and missions.

The 30-day rotation to Istres, France, was scheduled to take place May 1. The first rotation of 30 to 40 members comprised of the 18th Air Refueling Squadron, 931st Aircraft

Generation Squadron, Information Management, Safety and Intelligence were scheduled to deploy until May 15. The second rotation was scheduled to begin May 16.

Also scheduled to deploy on their two-week annual tour beginning May 1 are 35 members of the 931st Civil Engineer Squadron to Elmendorf, Alaska. CES has been providing backhoe training for the past four months to support this deployment. The 35-member team is tasked to install 33 8-foot wide by 8-foot deep manholes and 8,247 feet of pavement saw cuts for cable to be installed at a later date.

The team will be working with the lead squadron from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. The team may also connect electrical power to some of the facilities on base and possibly some structure work.



Tech. Sgt. Brian Bowman/Spirit

Sams visits 931st

931st ARG commander Col. Dean Despinoy, right, gives a tour of the headquarters building to 15th Air Force commander Lt. Gen. John Sams during Sams' visit here in April. 15th Air Force is the 931st's gaining numbered air force through its relationship as an associate unit to the 22nd Air Refueling Wing at McConnell.

Family Readiness: Is your family prepared for deployment?

Reserve recall, Reserve activation – If either of these terms make your heart beat faster, think of the impact they will have on your family when they occur. Is your family ready for your deployment?

To be prepared in case of activation, ensure they know where the following items are:

- Current identification cards
- Wills

- Powers of attorney
- A list of bank accounts – can they sign the checkbook?
- A list of bills with addresses
- Medical information
- School schedules
- Dependent care plan with a power of attorney for medical

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Awaiting the call

By Col. Dean J. Despinoy
931st ARG commander

I know that the last couple of weeks have been stressful for everyone. Ever since that Friday when Ken Bacon made reference to a possible 33,000 reserve call up of mostly Air Force Reserve and mostly Tanker our thoughts and preparations have been directed to activation.

Unfortunately, as I write this article I do not know any more than I did a couple of weeks ago. I have had almost daily contact with 4 Air Force and the guesses concerning call up varies as the days pass. With today's news of an expanding target list and request for more aircraft coupled with a successful NATO anniversary reinforcing that organization's resolve, I think call up is likely.

If PSRC (Presidential Selective Recall) does occur, the 931st would not be activated as a unit. UTCs (Unit Type Codes) would be activated, which are listings of specialties such as aircrew, maintenance, or Civil Engineering. Therefore, we will have some members that will remain behind while others deploy.

I know that most of you have not been members of a reserve unit that has been totally or partially activated. Naturally, you and your family members will have many questions. As commander, and as a person who was activated during Desert Storm, I have some insights into this process. My first duty is to make sure that all the activated members deploy with all equipment and material necessary. The very next duty is to ensure that the family they left behind is properly cared for and remain informed.

If activated, the 931st will stand up a 24 hour CAT (Crisis Action Team). This team will consist of knowledgeable members of the 931st who can help the member or family with any question or crisis. Anytime, day or night, you can call the CAT for assistance.

When the CAT is activated, a letter from me to all the affected families will be mailed with valuable information including phone numbers and information on benefits and medical protection. Additionally, we will schedule a briefing for affected families. Since many of the families are not close to the base we will also call those families to give them a phone briefing. The bottom line is that no one should wonder how to get information. The answer is to call the CAT.

There are many other programs that the 931st will administer to include a family newsletter, E-Mail between the family and the deployed member, and where possible, free video phone contact. Contact will also be maintained between the unit and the member's employer as appropriate.

Going beyond volunteerism and formally activating the reserves is a big step in any military operation. It is not a step that is taken lightly. I am sure that call up will only happen if absolutely necessary and for only as long as absolutely necessary. Please don't be alarmed at the length of orders, which I expect to be 270 days. These orders can be terminated early. I know from personal experience, that the



Capt. Dave Fruck/Spirit

Col. Dean Despinoy, left, shares a laugh with Maj. Gen. Robert McIntosh, assistant to the chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff for reserve affairs, during a formal dinner at the Reserve Officer's Association meeting held at McConnell Air Force Base in April.

reservist is sent home at the earliest possible time and the orders terminated.

Most of you have spent time on active duty and know the support mechanism that exists. Once you became a member of the reserves, your contact with the unit became somewhat limited. You may not know the other families or the names of your spouse's commander or first sergeant like you did on active duty. This fact may cause you concern, especially if your spouse is activated. The simple truth is that this mechanism is not necessary during day to day operation. People are more socially aligned with the civilian community and their civilian jobs. However, during time of call up, the focus changes for the family and for the unit. I guarantee that the networking and unit involvement with the family during call up is equal to or better than what you experienced on active duty.

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Spirit Spotlight

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931st CES



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From: **Parsons, Kan.**

Unit: **931st CES**

Duty Title: **Unit education and training manager**

Civilian Position: **Staff nurse – cardiovascular unit**

Favorite Food: **Cheesecake**

Favorite Music: **Early 70s rock**

Favorite Movie: **Gone With The Wind**

Hobbies: **Road trips**

Ideal Vacation: **Cruise to deserted island**

Best Way to Relax: **Spend time with someone special**

Pet Peeve: **People who say it can't be done**

What would you do with \$1 Million: **"Pay off my house, buy a summer home in Alaska, vacation for a year."**

Personnel News

Military Personnel Flight Hours

The core hours of operation for the MPF are as follows:

Monday – Friday 0730 – 1600

Saturday – UTA 0800 – 1600

Sunday – UTA 1000 – 1600

ANNUAL WALK

The MPF will be closed Sunday morning of the May UTA to complete the annual walk requirement. It will re-open on or about 1000.

OUTPROCESSING HOURS

If you, or any unit member you know, needs to out process for TDY, reassignment, or retirement, please keep in mind that on UTA weekends the Military Pay section (Ms Sharon Thayer) is only open for business on Saturdays from 0730 to 1300 hours. Thinking ahead can insure you do not have to come out during the week to finish your out processing. For further information contact TSgt Anick Wallace in Relocations at X-3665.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE DD FORM 93, RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA?

The DD Form 93 provides information on the Primary Next of Kin (PNOK),

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Refer a Friend

There are positions available within the 931st ARG. Help your unit recruit by providing them a name of a friend or have them contact Tech. Sgt. David McCormick at 652-4350, Master Sgt. Terry Gosh at 652-3766, or one of their area recruiters listed below.



Tinker AFB, OK

Master Sgt. Victor Bradford (405) 739-2980

Technical Sgt. Rhonda Nolan (405) 734-5331

Lawton, OK

Technical Sgt. Nathan Bickle (405) 357-2784

Sheppard AFB, TX

Master Sgt. Larry Giles (817) 6763382

Midwest City, OK

Master Sgt. Linda Smith (405) 733-9403

Staff Sgt. William Thompson

UTA Schedule

May 1-2

June 12-13

July 17-18

Aug. 14-15

Sep. 18-19



FROM THE IG

Primary IG: LtCol Ralph Rissmiller, Bldg 850, Rm 244; 652-3684/743-3684

Alternate IG: LtCol Ron Johnston; Bldg 650, Rm 146; 652-3812/743-3812

AF FORM 102

The AF Form 102 is the official document by which we track IG contacts. It is a user-friendly, multi-functional tool, which can be of great help to both the IG and the member.

If you have an IG issue, it will be extremely helpful if you complete a Form 102 and bring it with you to the first IG conference, or send it to us ahead of time. Absent that, we will complete a Form 102 when we get together.

There is space on the form for you to identify the problem and list any specific allegations you feel should be investigated. The Form 102 allows us to track the types of problems members are bringing to the IG, the progress of investigations, and the processing time for resolving issues. You may also use the Form 102 to report instances of fraud, waste, and abuse if you so choose.

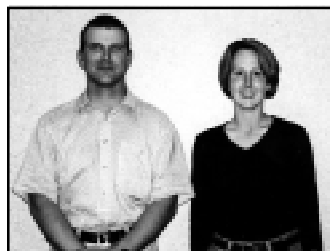
It is not mandatory that you complete a Form 102 before you contact the IG, but it will help speed the process if you do. You may contact the IG office for a copy of the form or pull it up on Form Flow.

If you have questions about the AF Form 102 or any other IG issue, please call.

Chapel Service

UTA Sundays, 0745-0815

Bldg. 850, upstairs conference room
Maj. Charles Peters, Chaplain



Newcomers

Top photo, from left; Staff Sgt. Michael Binder 931AGS, Staff Sgt Jonathan Arndt 931 AGS, Staff Sgt David Simpson 931st AGS, Senior Airman Douglas Tautenhahn 931st AGS.

Bottom right; Senior Airman Lewis Mcsparen 931st CES.

Bottom left, from right; Senior Airman Lloyd Robinson 931st OSF, Senior Airman Stacie Crenshaw 931st OSF.

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Secondary Next of Kin (SNOK), and other persons to notify in case of death, injury, or an emergency. This form also serves as the official document required by law for designating beneficiaries for death gratuity pay and unpaid pay and allowances.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (HRDC)

The HRDC meets every Friday before the UTA at 1545 in the Southwind Conference Room. Anyone wishing to have an issue addressed to the council may forward it to the council through their unit representative. Commanders and First Sergeants are always welcome to attend.

AFRC NCO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE

Group personnel have been offered space in classes at both Ft. Worth Joint Reserve Base and Tinker AFB. Class dates at Ft. Worth are 14 – 22 Aug 99. Tinker has chosen split dates & BOTH sessions must be attended. Their dates are 12 – 16 July AND 2 – 6 Aug 99. Interested SSgts and TSgts should contact Group Training for more information.

GROUP TRAINING BULLETIN BOARD

The Group Training bulletin board has been down for awhile but we are in the process of re-entering the data. Please bear with us! If you notice items we had on the original, but don't have on the new files, please let us know. Additionally, if there is a topic not listed you feel would be valuable please let us know. Thanks for your patience while we get back up to speed.

GROUP WEIGH-IN

Just a reminder that our annual Group weigh-in is scheduled for the July UTA.

MPF IN-HOUSE TRAINING

The MPF is closed each Sunday of the UTA from 0800 – 1000 for In-House training. Classes are held in the TNET room (217), and all administrative personnel are welcome to attend.

CCAF GRADUATION

Come help us celebrate the graduation of MSgts Wade Jones (AGS) and Mark McGougan (ARS). They will receive their CCAF diplomas during a recognition ceremony on Thursday, 6 May 99, 4 p.m. at the Emerald City Ballroom. Hope to see you there!



Chronological Kosovo: A look at significant events in Kosovo history

200 B.C.-170 A.D. ROME CONQUERS MUCH OF THE BALKANS, ESTABLISHES TOWNS IN KOSOVO

300 A.D. SLAVIK TRIBES RAID KOSOVO FROM CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS

527-565 A.D. CONQUEST OF THE BALKANS BY THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE

600 A.D. EARLY 600's SLAVS BEGIN TO SETTLE IN THE BALKANS; ESTABLISH PRINCIPALITY ALONG THE SAVA RIVER

800's SLAVS CHRISTIANIZED

Intel report

1090-1100 SLAVS EXTEND KINGDOM INTO KOSOVO

LATE 1100's SERBIAN SLAVS ESTABLISH A PRINCIPALITY IN IBAR VALLEY AND SANDZAK; TAKE OVER KOSOVO



By Staff Sgt. Russ Hunt
931st Intel

1200-1219 SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ESTABLISHED WITH SEAT AT RASKA, NORTH OF KOSOVO

MID 1300's SERBS, UNDER KING DUSAN, EXPAND TO THE ADRIATIC, MAKE PEC THE SEAT OF THE CHURCH, AND BRING IN WORKERS FROM TRANSYLVANIA TO EXPLOIT KOSOVO's MINERAL WEALTH
1389 AT KOSOVO POLIE, OTTOMAN TURKS DEFEAT SERBS

LATE 1400's OTTOMANS COMPLETE CONQUEST OF SERBS AND KOSOVO, CAPTURING PRIZREN AND SUPPRESSING REBELLION THERE LED BY ALBANIAN KING SKANDERBERG

1690 FOLLOWING AN UNSUCCESSFUL REBELLION, SERBS FLEE KOSOVO. TURKS BEGIN TO ENCOURAGE ALBANIANS—MANY OF WHOM CONVERT TO ISLAM —TO SETTLE THERE

1737 SERBS ESTABLISH A HOMELAND IN EXILE IN VOJVODINA

1766 IN THE FACE OF CONTINUED RESISTANCE,



TURKS ABOLISH THE SEAT OF THE SERBIAN CHURCH IN PEC

1815-1829 SERBS GAIN AUTONOMY WITH BACKING OF RUSSIA

1878 UNDER TREATY OF BERLIN, SERBIA BECOMES INDEPENDENT: KOSOVO REMAINS PART OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

1910-1912 SERBIA GAINS CONTROL OF KOSOVO IN THE FIRST BALKAN WAR

1913 SERBIA GAINS CONTROL OF MACEDONIA IN THE SECOND BALKAN WAR

1940-1941 KOSOVO IS INCORPORATED INTO ALBANIA FOLLOWING ITALY'S TAKEOVER OF ALBANIA AND GERMANY'S TAKEOVER OF YUGOSLAVIA

1945 A COMMUNIST REGIME IS ESTABLISHED IN YUGOSLAVIA WITH KOSOVO PART OF SERBIA

1945-1966 HEAVY REPRESSION OF ALBANIANS IN KOSOVO

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Reserve KC-135s, C-130s support Kosovo operations

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - As of late April, KC-135 air refueling aircraft and C-130 transport aircraft are providing most of Air Force Reserve Command's support in the Balkans.

Eight KC-135 aircraft, 15 aircrews and dozens of support people are in Istres, France, to refuel NATO combat aircraft in the region. Another two KC-135s and crews will provide air refueling from Geilenkirchen, Germany, during the last two weeks of April.

Five C-130s, nine crews and support people are deployed to Ramstein Air Base, Germany. They are there to shuttle Kosovo refugees from the southern Balkans to other areas of Europe and to deliver much-needed supplies to other refugees and to NATO forces participating in the operation.

Most of the 327 reservists deployed overseas in support of Kosovo are in aircraft maintenance and other logistics specialties. Other participating career fields include aerial port, medical and communications.

Reservists involved in these kinds of missions usually remain overseas for two weeks and are then replaced by other reservists on a rotational basis.

"The number of KC-135s and people deployed is about double what was originally planned," said Maj. Eric Sillery, tanker aircraft operations officer for Headquarters AFRC's directorate of operations. "That deployment was scheduled to end July 8 but now it is open ended. Our people will support the mission for as long as possible."

Reserve KC-135 crews slated to participate are from:

- * 434th ARW, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind.;
- * 452nd Air Mobility Wing, March AFB, Calif.;
- * 507th ARW, Tinker AFB, Okla.;
- * 916th ARW, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.;
- * 927th ARW, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich.;
- * 931st ARG, McConnell AFB, Kan.; and
- * 940th ARW, Beale AFB, Calif.

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treatment (if needed).

On the **date of deployment**, give your family:

- A copy of your orders
- Contact names in the 931st
- Phone numbers in your unit, including the orderly room,

commander, first sergeant and the Family Readiness section (316) 652-3546 (1st Lt. Martha Kuder, Tech. Sgt. Jon Wood and Staff Sgt. Tina Proulx).

If you have questions or want us to contact your family members during your absence, feel free to contact us at the Family Readiness section. **We can help!**

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BY THE SECRET POLICE

1968 ALBANIAN STUDENTS IN PRISTINA DEMONSTRATE AGAINST SERBIAN REPRESSION

1974 CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS MAKE KOSOVO AN AUTONOMOUS PROVINCE OF YUGOSLAVIA AND LEGALIZE SCHOOL INSTRUCTION IN THE ALBANIAN LANGUAGE

1980 TITO DIES

1981 UNREST IN KOSOVO LEADS TO DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

1986 ACCUSING KOSOVAR ALBANIANS OF GENOCIDE AGAINST SERBS THERE, MILOSOVIK RISES TO POWER IN SERBIA'S COMMUNIST PARTY

1989-1990 BELGRADE STRIPS

KOSOVO OF IT'S AUTONOMOUS STATUS

1991 KOSOVARS VOTE FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM SERBIA

1996 AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON RETURNING ALBANIAN STUDENTS TO SERBIAN STATE RUN SCHOOLS IN KOSOVO

1998-2000 K O S O V O LIBERATION ARMY INCREASED ACTIVITY, AND SERBIAN POLICE LAUNCH OPERATIONS AGAINST THE TERRORIST GROUP

WITHIN KOSOVO ARE SEVERAL HISTORIC SITES OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO SERBIANS. MOST DATE FROM THE 13TH AND 14TH CENTURIES, WHEN KOSOVO WAS THE HEART OF THE SERBIAN KINGDOM.

TODAY, SOME REMAIN SITES OF PILGRIMAGE; ALL ARE PLACES

THAT MOST NATIONALIST SERBIANS ARGUE ARE INSEPERABLE PARTS OF SERBIA

AT THE SAME TIME, MOST ARE LOCATED IN DENSELY POPULATED KOSOVAR PORTIONS OF THE PROVINCE WITHIN 30 KM OF THE ALBANIAN BORDER

KOSOVO POLJE WAS THE SITE OF THE DECISIVE BATTLE BETWEEN SERBS AND TURKS IN 1389, IS OF GREAT NATIONAL IMPORTANCE TO SERBIANS, BEING FREQUENTLY USED AS THE LOCATION OF NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS OR POLITICAL RALLIES. A SECOND MAJOR BATTLE BETWEEN THESE TWO WARRING PEOPLES WAS FOUGHT AT THE SAME SITE IN 1448.

MOST OF THE REMAINING SITES ARE MONASTERIES OR CHURCHES, MANY OF WHICH ARE FAMOUS FOR THEIR FRESCOES.



931st Air Refueling Group Employer Appreciation Day, August 14

Employer Nomination Form

Reservists, we need your help. Here's your chance to let your boss see what you do in your military jobs and for them to understand the mission of the 931st ARG and the Air Force Reserve. They will be invited to visit the group on Saturday, August 14, 1999. They'll get a mission briefing, find out about the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, visit your work center, have lunch and fly aboard a KC-135.

Reservists are required to be on duty status, in uniform, pay for their own lunch and provide a tour of their work centers and units.

Please complete the form below if you would like your civilian supervisor to participate. Priority will go to employers who haven't participated in previous employer events with the 931st. This form is for 931 ARG/PA use only.

Fill out and mail this form to 931 ARG/PA, 53280 Topeka Street, Suite 221, McConnell AFB, Kan., 67221-3723, or drop it off in the PA office on the second floor of the headquarters building by the end of the June UTA. You can also fax the form to (316) 652-3393.

Don't pass up this opportunity to play host to your employers and give them a taste of what the Air Force Reserve is all about.

YOUR NAME _____

RANK _____ SQUADRON _____

PHONE NUMBER() _____

YOUR EMPLOYER'S NAME _____

TITLE _____

COMPANY NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Completion of this form is completely voluntary. Your cooperation is appreciated.

931st ARG on the WWW... w3.afrc.af.mil/units/931aw



WICHITA WEEKEND

IN TOWN

Friday, April 30

Park City Bluegrass Festival -- Kansas Coliseum (7 mi. north of Wichita on I-135), 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Admission \$10 or \$25 for Thursday (29th), Friday and Saturday (May 1). Call 755-1243 for more information.

Creature Campout at the Sedgwick County Zoo -- 5:30 p.m. and overnight. Families enjoy camp setup, dinner, orientation and special zoo tours and activities. \$30 per person for members, \$35 for non-members. To register, call 942-2212.

Saturday, May 1

Park City Bluegrass Festival -- Kansas Coliseum, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 2

Music concert -- *Collective Soul* at The Cotillion (west Kellogg), 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets \$21.50 at Select-A-Seat outlets and at The Cotillion.

May 7-16

The 28th annual Wichita River Festival -- Activities include a parade, concert, family events and much more. For more information, call 267-2817.

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ON BASE

UTA Movies

All Movies \$1.50; All times 7 p.m.; doors open 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 30 -- 8 MM (Nicolas Cage, Joaquin Phoenix Tom Welles is a surveillance specialist, what used to be known as a private eye. His search of truth behind 8 mm film turns his life upside down, sending him down a sorted and terrifying path into society's darkest corners. (*perverse sexuality, language*), 126 minutes.

Saturday, May 1 -- SAVING PRIVATE RYAN -- (Tom Hanks, Matt Damon, Tom Sizemore); Steven Spielberg's potent, eloquent World War II drama begins with a brutally realistic account of the D-Day landing at Omaha Beach, then tracks a dangerous and in many ways demoralizing mission deep into occupied Normandy. **Rated R** (*language, realistic war violence*) 168 minutes.

Sunday, May 2 -- WING COMMANDER -- (Freddie Prinze Jr., Saffron Burrows); Earth, year 2654. The Confederation is engaged in a brutal war with the vicious, bloodthirsty alien race, the Kilrathi. The Kilrathi's plan to attack the Earth are foiled. **Rated R** (*realistic war violence and language*) 170 minutes.

LIVE THEATRE

Crown Uptown Dinner Theatre

"The Taffetas" through May 16

Call 681-1566 for dinner and showtimes.

	<u>MAFB</u>	<u>Gate</u>
Thurs. & Sun.	\$21.45	\$24.30
Fri. & Sat.	\$24.45	\$27.48

The Ticket and Tour office at McConnell Air Force Base has discount tickets on dozens of events in the Wichita Community and surrounding area, including movies, theatre, sports trips and other tours.

For information on what is available, contact the office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The numbers are (316) 652-6007 and 652-6038.